

REMARKS

The Examiner asserts that there is more than one patently distinct inventions in the present application, and requires Applicant to select a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits.

The Examiner has identified four species:

Species A - directed to a pivot assembly with roller bearings

Species B - directed to a pivot assembly pulleys

Species C - directed to a pivot assembly with gears

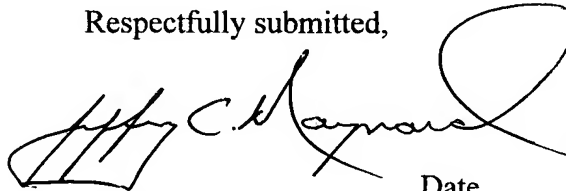
Species D - directed to a pivot assembly with cams.

Claims 1-4, 6-10, and 12-13 read on species A. Claims 5 and 11 are Markush claims that read on Species B, C, and D. Applicant elects Species A; Claims 1-4, 6-10, and 12-13 for prosecution on the merits.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made a diligent effort to address the restriction requirement identified by the Examiner and believe all claims remaining in the application are allowable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowability is respectfully requested. However, if the Examiner is of the opinion that the present application is not in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below so that additional changes may be discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

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